

c. means for analyzing the response signals using binomial statistics, different artifact categories by a digital signal processor associated with the signal collecting means,

d. means for transmitting the results (~~"pass, refer, technical error"~~), all patient related data and all measurement relevant data ~~such as environmental noise, probe fit, electrode impedance, signal to noise ratio, etc.~~ directly from the screening device to a patient tracking system installed on a remote computer server, and

e. means for receiving and displaying on the handheld screening device display all patient related data ~~such as name, first name, mother's name, birth date, address, in-outpatient status, patient identification, hospital identification patient history, etc.~~ directly from a patient tracking system installed on a main server.

12. (amended) A device for audiological screening of infants and newborns according to Claims 10, including a combined audiology screening database with other newborn screening data, ~~like metabolic disease screening data~~ inputted into the computer server, which generates and stores all patient and result data for different screening methods.

Remarks

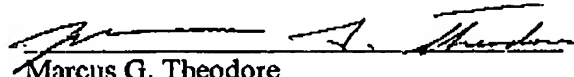
This Preliminary Amendment to the Specification and Claims is made to comply with the previous Examiner's requirements in the First Office Action dated 3/17/04 entered in the parent application to avoid his 35 USC Sec. 112 objections to the claim format and more particular point out applicant's invention. The amendment primarily deletes ambiguous phrases from the claims and adds no new subject matter. The objected to examples of elements performing the prescribed claim functions or providing examples of the elements referenced were deleted from the claims and left in the specification to insure that the interpretation of the claims was not limited to the examples cited. These revised claims therefore leave the objectionable material as supportive examples in the specification.

The description of the illustrated drawings added to the specification to provide a more detailed description of the drawings was taken from directly from the text of the drawings. Support for these specification amendments is therefore based on the text of the drawings and adds no new subject matter.

A spelling error in the specification was also corrected on page 10, line 23, by deleting "ia".

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is submitted at this time to expedite the updating of this dependent application to reflect those changes required in the parent application, which directly affect this continuation-in-part application.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2004.



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I certify that I faxed a copy to the Group's central fax number 703-872-9306, and mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing First Amendment to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid, this 22nd day of April 2004.

